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SUBJ: TAXATION OF API INVESTMENT

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PLANS OF GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA'S
INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY (API) TO OPEN ITS
OWN OFFICE IN NEW YORK WITH ONE OR MORE TUNISIAN
PROFESSIONALS, API HAS POSED QUESTIONS TO US REGARDING
TAX OBLIGATIONS OF SUCH STAFF.

2. WE AND API WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE REGARDING
USUALLY APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND NEW YORK STATE RATES
ON BASE SALARY, BUT ALSO ON VARIOUS ALLOWANCES
("INDEMNITIES")--HOUSING, "POST", EDUCATION, CLUB, AND
POSSIBLY CAR-- WHICH ARE NORMALLY NOT TAXED UNDER
TUNISIAN LAW.

3. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE REGARDING TAX SITUATION
OF OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS' COMPARABLE OFFI-
CIALS IN USA, AND WHAT PASSPORT AND VISA ARRANGMENTS
MIGHT MINIMIZE TAX OBLIGATIONS THERE. (TAXES COULD
BE CRITICAL TO API'S PLANS FOR NEW YORK OFFICE, GIVEN
SMALL BUDGET BASED ON RATHER LOW ESTIMATES OF COSTS
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OF OING BUSINESS/RESIDING IN NEW YORK.)

4. COMMENTS: OPIC'S RESPONSIVENESS TO API INQUIRY
WILL CONTRIBUTE TO GROUNDWORK FOR NEXT JOINT COM-
MISSION MEETING BY SHOWING CONTINUEING DISPOSITION
TO COOPERATE WITH TUNISIAN INVESTMENT PROMOTION
EFFORTS. FYI: API INQUIRY EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED

POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT ON ITS OWN OPERATIONS OF
ABSENCE OF BILATERAL TAX TREATY--WHICH IT HAS FAVORED
IN PRINCIPLE IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN INVEST-
MENT IN TUNISIA. MULCAHY

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